Letters to the editor

Income tax time

The Times-Virginian
Dear Sir:

Since it is that time again to file our income taxes, I would like to repeat a short story on the subject.

A "farmer" making out his tax form at his local I.R.S. office was asked to list his expenses, and, here, they are:

His son works in the fields, pastures, and is paid $45.00 a week.

His daughter milks the cows, feeds the pigs, and is paid $40.00 a week.

His wife feeds the chickens, cooks the meals, takes care of the house, and is paid $35.00 a week.

And, the half wit on the farm gets paid $10.00 a week, tobacco, and room and board.

The I.R.S. clerk asked the "farmer" who is the half wit, he answered: you, are talking to him right now!

P.S. Is this "farmer" trying to tell us something?

Sincerely
Walter Farrar

We goofed!

Editor's note: the following letter was written in response to a photo which ran on the front page of the Times-Virginian Feb. 21. Megan O'Donnell is 9 years old.

Dear reporters and picture men:

You printed in the paper on the first page a story about a tarantula, better known as Dianna. The article said it was a real spider but was not alive. Actually, it is the skin of the real spider which was shed through a moulting process in October, 1979 (a similar process a snake goes through).

One morning Dianna was on her back with her eight legs up in the air. When I came home from school there were two Diannas! She will shed again once or twice a year. I was happy to see a picture of my pet tarantula. You are welcome to come to my home and take a picture of my live tarantula. She looks exactly like her skin. So you see, it isn't dead.

Sincerely,
Megan E. O'Donnell

4-H leaders plan area meeting

4-H Camp for Appomattox County in 1980 will be held June 16-20. We now have a tenative list of dates for 4-H Camp over the next 5 years. Plans are for our 4-H'ers to camp with Nottoway County 4-H'ers in 1980.

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Mr. Charles Middleton of WSET TV presented a program on weather forecasting for the 4-H members at Appomattox Middle School last week. Mr. Middleton has had years of experience in dealing with the weather as an Air Force Pilot in World War II and the Korean War.

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A special volunteer leader meeting will be held Wednesday evening, March 12, at 7:00 p.m. in the Haberer Building in Rustburg. This area meeting will involve leaders from a four county area and will include special learning sessions based on four 4-H project areas. The areas to be included are: (1) Health and Safety; (2) Natural Resources and Energy; (3) Creative and Performing Arts; and (4) Leadership. Leaders will have an opportunity to choose which learning session they would like to attend.

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Several 4-H members have expressed an interest in purchasing feeder lambs (70-75 lbs.) to raise as a market lamb project for the Area Junior Livestock Show in June. This project would be great for many 4-H'ers. Let us know if your family might be interested.

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A reminder for Senior members that applications for Business Management Workshop must be in by March 21. The workshop will be held in Holiday Lake, May 2-4.

Happiness is 4-H

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Gardening time is here

By JAMES A. SMITH
Extension Agent

Gardening time is here. One of the problems associated with cabbage is that when they mature they all mature at or near the same time.

One way of avoiding this is to plant three or more varieties. For example, if you selected Stonehead, Round Up, Little Rock and Guardian varieties, they would mature at 75, 90, 96, and 100 days respectively. This spreads out the harvest and permits using only high quality products.

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Peppers, hot or sweet, can be productive if planted after night temperatures get to 55 degrees or higher and are not over fertilized with nitrogen. Peppers need a relative high level of phosphate.

Peppers come in many shapes, blocks, rounds, tapers, heart of short blunts. Colors also range from green, yellow, red and all do not start out green.

The variety "Fire" is probably the hottest.

Remember tomatoes, egg plants and peppers are members of the same family, and should always be rotated.

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Most tossed salads are constructed around lettuce with whatever other ingredients are at hand or enjoyed.

A quick way to a home grown tossed salad is with mustard greens. Planted now, they grow off quick. The young leaves are tender and have a peppery nip that is very distinctive and delicious.

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Garlic is a major problem in many small grain fields. Control is nearly impossible, but with proper timing and herbicide used in the correct amount, the weed can be suppressed. Unfortunately, the timing for top dressing with nitrogen and spraying for garlic does not occur at the same time.

The purpose in applying nitrogen is to cause the plant to form tillers. Most wheat varieties will form 3 to 5 tillers. The more tillers, the higher the yield of wheat, all else being favorable.

2, 4-D or Banvel should not be applied for garlic supression until tillering is complete, but before jointing begins. Not always, but generally, the time span between applying nitrogen and weed control is 18 to 21 days.

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Nomination forms for the Spring Feeder Sales were mailed last week. If you intend to sell cattle through one of the organized sales, but did not receive a nomination form, stop by or call for one.

A copy of the revised grading standards was enclosed. You'll need to become familiar with the new system.

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PRECIPITATION:

Last Week	1.20
Month of Feb.	.81
Nor. for Mo. of Feb.	3.04
This Month	1.20
This Year	6.50
Nor. for this Year	5.80

The South 40

Usher board anniv. set for March 23

The Galilee Church's 13th Anniversary, scheduled for last Sunday, has been changed to the fourth Sunday evening in March at 3 p.m. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. will deliver the anniversary sermon. The Promise Land Senior Choir will render special music. The local usher boards are asked to cooperate.

Officers, members and friends are asked to attend the regular monthly meeting next Monday evening after the second Sunday at the peaceful Grove Baptist Church of Concord, Va.

The executive meeting of the Appomattox Assembly will meet tonight at 7:30. All officers are asked to attend. The meeting will be held in the fellowship hall of the Galilee Baptist Church. The plans for the regular meeting on next Thursday evening, the 14th, will be planned.

All officers, members and friends are asked to attend the regular evening service

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The drama of betrayal

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

Lesson for March 9, 1980
Scripture References: John 12:3-6; 13:21-30; 18:1-8
Focal Passages: John 12:3-6; 13:21-30

Act I - Judas: The Critic (John 12:3-6)

The drama opens with Jesus eating at a friend's home in Bethany. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, is co-hosting with Martha to serve. Mary, perhaps as a gesture of gratitude to Jesus for raising her brother Lazarus from death, annoints the feet of Jesus with an expensive perfume. The annointing may also suggest that Mary was anticipating the coming death of Jesus. Annointing was a customary rite for the dead in New Testament days.

The sad note in this story concerns Judas' response to Mary's gesture of honor towards Jesus. Judas was the treasurer for the group who followed Jesus, and his response to Mary's action of love suggests that he may have had dollar signs for pupils!

Judas was seemingly unable to see "loaves and fishes" where others could, that is, he interpreted Mary's action in terms of good money wasted. He saw Mary's use of expensive perfume to annoint Jesus' feet as a waste. (Incidentally, it was normally customary to annoint the head and not the feet.)

Judas revealed his greed and insensitivity to the moment. Would Judas have consented to selling the expensive perfume and giving the proceeds to the poor? It doesn't seem likely. Judas held the purse strings for the band who followed Jesus and may have been guilty of "Creaming off the top!"

The Bible and daily living

Judas' behavior is not foreign to some Christians in the church. Sometimes Christians tend to want to manage the church's finances like they manage their's at home. At times we refuse to support a worthy project because we think of self rather than the good of all involved.

Act II- Judas: The Man Of Darkness [John 13:21-30]

The next scene opens in the upper room where Jesus is gathered with his disciples for a last meal - a very special last meal.

The grim facts of this moment in the life of Jesus are sad. Besides having to face the ordeal of crucifixion and death, Jesus had to suffer the pain of betrayal by one of his followers. In a way, Judas appears to be the victim of fate, but Jesus certainly wished for Judas' redemption rather than his downfall.

But like any one of us, Judas was a person who had free choice. He chose, however, to go against the one who sought only to be his Saviour and friend.

For thirty pieces of silver, Judas was willing to finger Jesus as an enemy of the Jewish world and Roman culture. For thirty pieces of silver...Do we all have our price? How much or how little would we take to sell ourselves short.?

Gold and silver have a way of making some people lose sight of reality. For the sake of big bucks some people will forfeit their integrity and choose to sell out for far lesser worthwhile endeavors. The tragedy of such actions is reflected in a sort of self-destruction and despair. For Judas, the end result was suicide and darkness. Judas could have left in the "LIGHT," but instead entered the shadows to carry out his choice to betray. That he left when "it was night" seems to reflect his state of mind and heart.

Act III - Judas: The Kiss of Betrayal [John 18:1-8]

Who would ever have thought that a kiss would ever be used to betray someone? A kiss in our culture is a manifestation of love and affection. For Judas, a kiss was his way of pointing out Jesus to those who were out to destroy him.

Although John does not make mention of the betrayal kiss, we know from the other gospel narratives that the kiss was the cue for Jesus to be taken prisoner.

Perhaps Judas used a kiss in two ways: for the enemies of Jesus it was Judas' way of identifying him; for the disciples it may have been to deceive them.

Judas has been notoriously known for his act of betrayal. The aftermath of his actions proved to be too overwhelming for him to manage. The thirty pieces of silver was his to do with as he pleased, but the thought of "blood money" made him sick. At the last moment Judas experienced a change of mind about the money, but the officials who paid him would not take it back. It was his to keep and to live with.

In utter desparation, Judas turned to his perceived only way out...suicide. He went to a tree and, with a rope tight around his neck, he went to his death in a fit of violence.

The tragedy of betrayal brings with it feelings of despair and deep guilt. In all relationships, we should strive to maintain loyalty and honesty.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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County music students perform

County music students will perform in the Virginia State Music Festival to be held at Lynchburg College on Saturday, March 8. This is an annual event held so that students may earn points which are applied to a gold cup trophy which will be received by students individually.

Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan is serving as District chairman for the sixth consecutive year.

Students from Lynchburg and the five surrounding counties will participate in piano solo, duet, hymn playing, vocal, organ, violin, flute, piccolo, clarinet and trumpet. Choirs will also sing.

Students from the Allegro Studio, taught by Mrs. Vaughan, who will perform are JoAnn Wooding, Chuck Womack, Shawn Womack, Robin Martin, John Phelps, Melissa Phelps, Traci Moore, Peggy Goin, Lynn Dodd, Angela Whitmer, Catherine Ballowe, Ryan Murphy, John Jimison, Lisa Harrison, Julie Youngblood, Holly Neville, Kelly Neville, Debbie Johnson, Cathy Johnson, Kathy Lewis, Lori Ranson, Leslie Ranson, Suzette Ranson, Barry Hamlett, Scott Drinkard, Kim Drinkard, Teresa Wariner, Terri Hamlett, Kristie Craft, Beverly Goin, Karen Doss, Tammy Martin, Howard Andgason, Berri Anderson, Donna Dickerson, Kimberly Beale, Paula Lea, Elizabeth Angel, Amy Roberts, Patricia Chandler, Cheryl Chatham, Mike Knight, Avris Knight, Darrell Puckett, Lisa Puckett, Landa St. John, Mary Helen McLaughlin, Dustin Wilhoit, Lorna Goin, Alex Almond, Billy Carter, Beth Carter, Karen Pearson, Jennifer Brown, Cindy Poole, Karena Jaggars, Nancy Morris, Becky Baker, Joni Hale, Bobby Hart, Susan Hart, Angela Thompson, Jay Stubblefield, Emily Steinkamp, Maria King, Marty Howard, Anne-Margaret Haworth, Tracy Haworth, Anne Angel, Alice Angel, Susan Morris, Amy Morris, Janet Baldwin, Bernadine Garrett, Renee Wells, Connie Krantz, Kim Krantz, Lawane Watkins, Natasha Woolridge, Latrese Lee, Renee Glover, Ruth Glover, Karen Gilliam, Keith Bryant, Debbie Bryant, Beth Goodwin, Laura Doss, Audra Doss, Sharon Chambers, Angela Jaggars, Rhonda Jaggars, Cindy Simpson and Charlene Reed.

Squad responds to 80 calls

Volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 3,223 miles and spent 343 manhours.

The EKG machine was used to monitor 9 persons en route to the hospital and 4 persons were in need of oxygen.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: falls, 9; heart attacks, 2; strokes 5; convulsions, 5; maternity, 3; chest pains, 8; broken bones, 1; abdominal pains, 4; dead on arrival, 4; breathing difficulty, 6; auto wrecks, 6; industrial accidents, 1; ground search, 1; call cancelled, 1; miscellaneous, 6; and 16 transports by doctor request.

Usher board annic. set for March 3

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of the Promise Land Baptist Church at 7 p.m. All men of the church are asked to be present at 6 p.m. for a special meeting of the local men's club.

Mrs. Lucy Tibbs celebrated her 98th birthday March 3. She received many cards, and gifts from her children and friends.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Mt. Shiloh Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

All the local Sunday Schools of the East and West Bound Sunday School Union are reminded of the annual meeting on the fifth Sunday in this month at 10 a.m. at the Mt. Airy Church. The pastor of the church will bring the morning message. Members and friends are asked to attend.

We are glad to know that the sick are improving. Let us all continue to pray for the sick every where.

The Ladies' Club of Galilee Baptist Church will meet in the home of Mrs. Lucile Martin at 2:30 p.m. this Sunday evening. All members are urged to be present.

J. E. Richardson

Celebrates 10th birthday

He may look just a little older, but J. E. "Gene" Richardson, Appomattox County Sheriff, celebrated his 10th birthday Friday, Feb. 29.

Being born on Feb. 29, Gene has a birthday only once every four years and he told the Times-Virginian Tuesday that he "really felt only 10 years old."

Richardson was employed with the Appomattox Sheriff's Department as a deputy under the late Sheriff L. L. Stanley for seven years. Since 1971 he has served the county as sheriff.

Even though he has had only 10 birthdays, he is the father of a four-week old son and four other children, ages seven to 18.

"Gene" and his wife, Carolyn, planned a celebration for Saturday evening but for some reason it had to be cancelled - could have been the snow storm.

Grade 6 registration meeting rescheduled

The meetings which were scheduled to be held on Monday, March 3 with parents of students in the present sixth grade concerning the course offerings and registration procedures for the school year 1980-81 have been rescheduled as follows:

Date and Time	Place
Mon., Mar. 10 at 9 a.m.	Cafe., Appo. Elem. School
Mon., Mar. 10 at 11 a.m.	Pamplin Elem. School
Mon., Mar. 10 at 8 p.m.	Cafe., Appo. Middle School

The purposes of each of these meetings are to familiarize parents and students with the course offerings that will be available and to explain registration procedures for the school year 1980-81. Personnel from the schools and the school board staff will be present to lead the discussion and to answer questions. It is hoped that parents will be present for one of the meetings that has been scheduled.

Pamplin Ruritan Club holds meeting

The Pamplin Ruritan Club held its regular meeting last Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin. After a covered dish supper the Ruritans moved to another room which was open to the public for the 8 p.m. program.

The program was courtesy of the Southside Electric Cooperative. Mr. M. G. Harrison of Crewe brought the program to Pamplin. It consisted of a movie entitled "What time will the current be on today."

The movie gives a vivid picture of what can happen unless some of the Government restrictions are raised so electric companies can construct needed power plants. The movie indicated that there are so many different agencies involved, it appears the companies are literally tied with red tape regardless of the fuel to be used in operating a plant.

Unless new facilities are built, it won't be long before there will be a situation in which power will have to be rationed between communities, according to the film. It takes as much as 5 years to build a plant (coal, or oil fired) after all approvals have been obtained. When the time for approvals is added, then it can take 7 or more years from the time work is first started on the plans for a new plant, before it can add to the energy pool.

After the movie, the club held its business meeting. Frank Sweet, 1979 club president, was elected the Ruritan of the year. A plaque will be presented at the April meeting.

Further business included club approval of budgets and programs of the seven service committees, for 1980. The meeting closed with Allegiance to The Flag. (This is the usual closing).

Work crews were to be selected so work could be started on the Club's project for 1980 activity. A tournament is scheduled April 18, 19, and 20.

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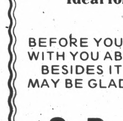
Band Boosters plan meeting

The ACHS Band Boosters Club will have its regular monthly meeting on March 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at the high school.



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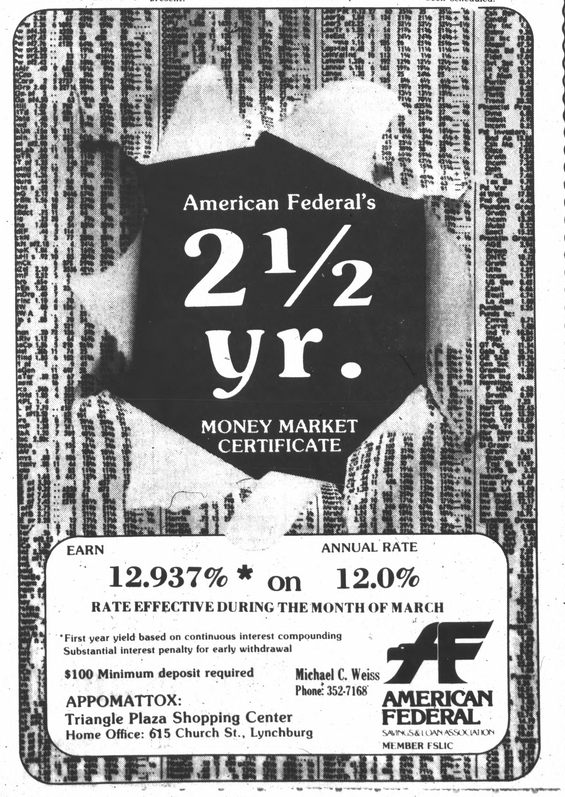

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